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DEMOCRATS NAME COX AND HOUSTON **HOUSE OFFICERS**

Richmond Has Speakership for First Time in Century.

HOUSTON HEADS PARTY CAUCUS

Meetze, of Prince William, Gets Only Two Votes After Failing to Find Any One to Place His Name Before Caucus-Ready for Work To-Day.

Preliminary organization of the House of Delegates was effected last night by the nomination of Edwin P. Cox, of Richmond, as Democratic candidate for Speaker, and Harry R. Hous-ton, of Hampton, as caucus chairman. The expected sensation failed to de-The expected sensation failed to develop, the caucus being a place of oratory and good fellowship, in which predictions were made for an aggressive session. As leader of the Democrats, who number ninety-two out of 100 members, Mr. Houston asserted the party's unwillingness "to continue in a jut of ultra-conservatism, or, on the other hand, to be thrust in the wild hallucinations of socialism"

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The two houses of the General Assembly will hold their first formal sessembly will hold their first formal sessions to-day at noon. Speaker-Elect Cox was uncertain last night whether he could have his committee assignments ready to announce to-day; though he worked on the lists until late in the night. In accepting his nomination at the hands of the caucus, Mr. Cox came out strongly for open sessions of all committees, and for a division of the work of the Finance Committee, having a new Finance Committee, concerned with problems of taxation and the raising of the revenue, and an Appropriations Committee having supervision of the outgo.

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C. J. Meetze, of Prince William County, held on as a candidate for the speakership until the last, the roll call between himself and Mr. Cox being \$7 to 2, after which Mr. Meetze congratulated the winner and brought him into the hall of the House on his arm.

The House caucus was called to order by Captain W. W. Baker, the senior member in point of continuous service. Plowers decorated the desks of the various candidates for the speakership, and a giant bunch the speakership, and a giant bunch the speaker's chair. Captain Baker referred to the loss the body has sustained since the last session in the deaths of Colonel J. F. Templeton, of Augusta: Colonel A. M. Bowman, of Roanoke, and Colonel John S. Harwood, of Richmond, all members of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Milstead, of Newport News, offered the name of Harry R. Houston, of Hampton, as permanent chairman of the Democratic caucus of the House, as a successful business man of broad mind, loved by the people he represents, and who had served in the House for ten years without opposition. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Weaver, Mr. Chalkley, Mr. Barley and Mr. Meetze, who agreed that the nominee was a man of fairness and impartiality, who could be counted on to

ince was a man of fairness and impar-ling the next four years. was elected unanimous, Mer brought into the hall by Mer Weaver, Barley,

Stearnes.

Per Conservative Progressiveness.

After expressing his thanks to the members and a welcome on the part of the House to the new members. Mr. Houston took up the triumphs of the Democratic party in the nation, as well as in the leading cities and States of this country, attributing its victory in national affairs to the "arrogance and unfaithfulness of the Republicans, drunk with power." Tracing the progress of Democracy in Virginia since 1886, when the party was restored to power, he called attention to the responsibility resting on the dominant party to lead Virginia into the front rank in those matters in which she niow lags far in the rear. Every moment of the sixty-day session, he urged, should be devoted to the important measures which must be passed upon. Leaving to a later time a more intimate discussion of these problems, he reminded the members that old customs give place to new, inapplicable principles and exploded theories are swept away before the pressure of new ideas, and in this varying activity, this every varying point of view, he found the vital principle of growth.

Responsibility of Party.

"What I have described," he said, "is what I would term conservative progressiveness. I stand here to-night on behalf of the Democracy of Virginia to state its unwillingness to continue in a rut of ultra conservativatism, or, on the other hand, to be thrust into the wild hallucinations of socialism. I firmly believe that recogizing your great responsibility as the representatives of the dominant party in Virginia, you are now ready and willing to launch and effectively prosecute a conservatively progressive program."

Mr. Brewer, of Nansemond, offered the name of John W. Williams for clerk of the caucus, but was told that the position must be filled by a member of the House. Without losing his poise, Mr. Brewer nominated Berkley D. Adams, of Charlotte, who was elected, after some laughter over the frank admission of the speaker that he had been misinformed as to who was slated for the Position.

without personally antagonizing the leaders of any faction proved that he

been misinformed as to who was slated for the position.

Cox Nominated for Speaker.

For Democratic candidate for speaker of the House, Hill Montague, of Richmond, presented the name of his folleague, Mr. Cox. Recognizing that five counties had brought forward candidates for the speakership, Mr. Montague laid emphasis on the plea that it was Richmond's turn. Major J. N. Stubbs seconded Mr. Cox's nomination, saying that Richmond had not had a speaker of the House since Andrew Stephenson, in the session of 1812-13-14. After a century Richmond had presented her claims, and he hoped that he would be elected unanimously. In his varied service since 1869 he said there would be elected unanimously. In his varied service since 1869 he said there had been many notable men in the speaker's chair, but the name of Cox would go down as the equal of any of them.

them.

Mr. Oliver, of Fairfax, spoke of Mr. Cox as an able parliamentarian and a presiding officer of dignity and fairness, who had been his schoolmate at the University of Virginia. Hugh A. White, of Rockbridge, went further back, and claimed Mr. Cox as a college-mate at Hampden-Sidney, and predicted that with the gavel wielded by Cox, there would always be fairness and justice as he sees it. and justice as he sees it. Martin Williams, of Giles, fell in line

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Private Secretary

ALEXANDER FORWARD.

EDITOR FORWARD

Newspaper Man Comes Back

From Harrisonburg to Suc-

ceed Ben P. Owen.

Announced Until First Week

in February.

Before he left Richmond for Harri-

sonburg, Mr. Forward was a member of The Times-Dispatch staff. He re-

ported two sessions of the General As-sembly, and knows nearly every man

in public life in Virginia. He had their

will carry these two most valuable human assets with him to the office he

Highly Regarded by Officials.

The reporter who could go through many political campaigns in this State

possessed an unusual amount of fair-ness, tact and common sense. Mr. For-ward did that. It was difficult, to be

sure, and while it was never possible to satisfy everybody, few could complain even if they did not get all

burg News-Record, a consolidated property which took the field once occupied by three papers. He has done very fine work on the News-Record

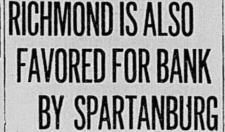
and put forth every effort to build up that community. At the meeting of the Virginia State Press Association in October he was awarded first prize for the best paper on any State-wide topthe award being made by judges o did not know the name of the

ARGUMENT IN TITANIC CASE

that they claimed to deserve.

STUART APPOINTS

to New Governor



Will Endeavor to Get Tidal Wave Adds Terror Columbia to Withdraw From Race.

CITY COMMITTED TO STATE CAPITAL

If Suggested Retirement From Contest Takes Place, Formal Indorsement to Claims of Virginia Metropolis Will Be Made-Delegation in Columbia To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Spartanburg, S. C., January 18 .- Confinced by the arguments of a delegacapital is the most desirable location day. for the regional reserve bank which is

ness men of this, the third city of South Carolina in population, tentative-iy indorsed Richmond's claims. This city had already in a way, however, committed itself to Columbia as a location for the regional bank.

The Spartanburg Clearing-House Association, therefore, before taking definite action, decided to endeavor to get Columbia to withdraw from the contest. John W. Simpson, Spartanburg member of the bankers' committee, which is working in behalf of Columbia, was instructed to advise the withdrawal of Columbia when the committee meets tomorrow. If he is successful, the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce and Clearing-House Association will immediately meet, adopt formal resolutions in Japan's history. The most serious in Japan's history. The most serious in Japan's history. The loss of life and property increases with fuller news from the scene. The full extent of the disaster could not be ascertained to-day, as all communication was cut off from the stricken district south of Kumamoto, ninety miles not form the stricken district south of Kagoshima.

Ashes to the depth of six inches have fallen in the seaport of Miyazaki, on the East of Kiushiu. A postal employee, who fied from Kagoshima, states that the big postal building there collapsed, and that a great number of residences were rulned, killing many people and animals.

Navy and army departments are lastening succor and supplies to Kagoshima. diately meet, adopt formal resolutions indorsing Richmond, and send copies thereof to Secretaries Houston and Mc-Adoo, the South Carolina Senators and this district's Representative in Congress, Joseph T. Johnson.

View Points of Interest.

The Richmond visitors arrived in Spartanburg at 10:30 o'clock this morning. After being taken on a ride to points of interest around the city, they were escorted to the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, where a meeting was organized, with Arch. B. Calvert, president of the Bank of Spartanburg as chairman, and Paul V. Moore, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, as secretary.

Thomas B. McAdams, of the Merchants' National Bank, of Richmond, WILL ARRIVE HERE TO-DAY No Other Appointments to Be

was a man of latrness and imparing the next four years, who could be counted on to all a square deal. Mr. Houston elected unanimously, and was ght into the hall by Messrs. Mill. Weaver. Barley, Brewer, here.

"Here is next four years dent of the American National Bank, were among the many Spartanburg that he would not make any appointments until he was Governor in fact, and the announcement concerning Mr. Stuart has indicated heretofore that he would not make any appointments until he was Governor in fact, and the announcement concerning Mr. Stuart has indicated heretofore that he would not make any appointments until he was Governor in fact, and the announcement concerning Mr. Forward does not mean that he has changed his program in the least. His secretary serves in a private and con-fidential capacity, and Mr. Stuart felt that the new man should be on the ground early. There is a great deal for him to do within the next two weeks.

Hearing in Columbia To Day.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Columbia, S. C., January 13.—Coming to advance Richmond's efforts for Commend Stuart's Selection.
Although he declined to discuss the matter, friends of Ben P. Owen, priness men from the Virginia city ar rived in Columbia late this afternoon. The visitors, after being comfortably vate secretary to Governor Mann, have thought for some weeks that he would retire at the end of the month. This established at their hotel, spent the evening at the theatre, and the active advancement of Richmond's claims the thousands. fact was made clear yesterday, and State officials, whose duties bring them in close touch with the Governor's office, stated that, while they naturally regretted to see Mr. Owen leave, they were delighted with Mr. Stuart's selection. will be made to-morrow

gation will be given a hearing by the Chamber of Commerce and the committee of South Carolina bankers appointed to direct Columbia's field and the disturbance, is given as a contract of the disturbance. pointed to direct Columbia's fight for one of the banks. Many of the Richfriends here, and these are receiving them warmly. The visitors are in fine spirits and are confident that Richmond will land one of the banks.

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CURLEY WINS IN BOSTON

Mr. Forward is still a citizen of Bristol, from which place he came to Richmond at the invitation of The Times-Dispatch. In June he resigned to become the editor of the Harrison-

Congressman Elected Mayor by Majority of 6,000 Votes.

Boston, January 13.—Congressman James M. Curley was chosen Mayor to-day by a majority of 6,000 votes over Thomas J. Kenny, president of the City Council. Both are Democrats, but both ran without political designation. Of % total of \$0,000 Curley received 43,309.

The Congressman's election as Mayor is the latest step in a continuous political career which began as a City Councilman in 1900. Since then he has been elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the Board of Aldermen and to Congress, where he is now serving his second term. In 1903, Mr. Curley was convicted of conspiring to defraud the government by impersonating another man at a Civil Service examination. He served a sentence of two months without interruption to his political fortunes.

The city made its usual pronounced declaration in favor of license, the vote being:

Yes, 48,341.

Liability of III-Fated Liner's Owners
Under Discussion.

Washington, January 13.—Half a
dozen mourners of the Titanic disaster
sat in the Supreme Court to-day listening to arguments on whether the liability of the owners of the iII-fated
liner shall be limited to about \$90,000,
or for full claims for damages aggregating some \$13,000,000. Charles C.
Burlingham, on behalf of the Oceanic
Steam Navigation Company, opened the
argument, contending that damages
should be limited to salvage and passage money.

Frederick M. Brown, on behalf of the
claimants, contended that the Titanic
was a floating island in the eye of the
law, and that the British flag flying
over it made the British flag flying
over it made the British flag flying
over it made the British law govern
the liability of the owners.

Arguments will be concluded to-orrow.

THOUSANDS DEAD IN DISASTER THAT **BEFALLS JAPAN**

to Earthquakes and Volcanic Eruption.

CITY IS ALMOST BURIED IN ASHES

Loss of Life and Property Increases With Later News From Stricken District-All Communication Cut Off-Succor and Supplies Are Rushed to Scene.

Tokyo, Japan, January 13 .-- A tidal wave added its terrors to earthquakes and volcanic eruption which struck tion of Richmond bankers, who visited Kagoshima, in Southern Japan, yester-Spartanburg to-day, that the Virginia day, according to official advices to

to serve this district, the principal busi- ma disaster will prove to be one of the

Inactive for a Century.

Sakura-Jima has been quiescent for more than a century, although it rears its cratered peak in a veritable land of volcanoes. Directly to the south of it, on one of the three lower tops of

Thomas B. McAdams, of the MerAlexander Forward, editor of the
Harrisonburg News-Record, and one of
the most popular newspaper men in
M. Miller, Jr., vice-president of the First
National Bank, of Richmond, was the leading speaker for the visitand had a permanent population of probably 25,000.
Sakura-Jima had its last general

Sakura-Jima had its last general eruption in 1779, and, while accurate information as to the suffering and Virginia, has been appointed private secretary to Governor-Elect Henry C. Stuart, who will take office on February 2. Although his new duties do not begin until that date, Mr. Forward will arrive in Richmond this morning to familiarize himself with the work he will be called upon to perform during the next four years.

M. Miller, Jr., vice-president of the First National Bank. Mr. McAdams's argument that Richmond was not a borrowing cky had great weight in turning the tide of sentiment in favor of Richmond as against Columbia, Charlotte, able, the occasion so impressed itself upon the people that the cruption was commemorated by a monthly festival. The city is in the centre of a large pottery and porcelain industry, which employed thousands of artisans of both sexes.

The heavy ash fall extends far to the north, and has enveloped the important these present had a dissenting opinion it was not expressed. Well pleased with the outcome of their mission, the visitors left this afternoon for Columbia.

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The great naval base at Sasebo is

within less than a day's steaming off the stricken district, and the admiralty officials announce that every available vessel will be hurried to the scene.

Thousands Belleved Dead. Nagasaki, Japan, January 13.—Reports here to-day were that the death list around Kagoshima will run into

Kagoshima, which is almost com-pletely buried in volcanic ashes and the disturbance, is given as 15,000. On this island hundreds are reported to have perished beneath the streams of mond men have personal and business lava from the volcano of Sakura-Jima, friends here, and these are receiving Many more were undoubtedly drowned

bility of the Richmond committee going directly from Columbia to Washington to appear with a larger deleing directly from Columbia to Wash-ington to appear with a larger dele-gation before the Reserve Bank Com-mittee on helpful for Polymore's claims. mittee on behalf of Richmond's claims, of dust fell here to-day. The distance the between Nagasaki and Sakura is about

Story of Refugee.

A refugee who arrived here to-day from Kagoshima gave the following

small island rushed to the beach and ized.

cano resembled an enormous setplece of fireworks, glowing from the foot of the mountain to the summit. During the night the glowing lava illumi-nated the entire distance. The vol-

plosions." Burning rock and ashes set fire ow-the Kiushiv Railway, 100 persons were killed. Several villages along the foot on of the volcano were buried in lava yesterday.

Hichmond Firm Gets Contract.
Washington, January 13.—The contract for an extension to the Federal building at Winston-Salem, N. C., was let to-day by the Treasury Department to a Richmond firm for \$185,830.

Named for Comptroller of Currency



JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

BOARD ACCEPTS WILSON OUTLINES HOSPITAL OFFER **ANTITRUST VIEWS**

on Government's Relation to

"Big Business."

by the outsdle world.

all violations.

Features of Plan.

So far as known, the cardinal feat-ures of the President's plan are:

1. Supplementing the Sherman anti-

The prohibition of interlocking di-

Method of Conducting It to Be Gives Cabinet Members His Ideas Arranged in Manner Satisfactory to All.

OPPOSES CHARTER CHANGE PEACE AND NOT WAR IS PLAN

Refuses to Pave Way for Putting Wants Message to Be Influence

Council in accepting the loan of the to "big business," the field antitrust ed than as a tremendous thing for the Virginia Hospital from the Medical legislation should cover to the next administration, in spite of whatever op-Virginia Hospital from the Medical legislation should cover in the preschiege of Virginia and in empowering the Administrative Board to enter upon a contract with the executive approached.

Legislation should cover in the preschiege and the spirit in which he believed the task should be approached.

Aside from what the Virginia Congressmen said to-day, and the appointment is very satisfactory to them, there staff of the college as to the manage-ment of the hospital. Alderman

Grimes voted against concurrence.

The Board took up the report of the Committee on Charter Changes, amending it as if had done at a former meeting, so as not to give the City Council the authority to place the Police, Fire and Health Departments under the Administrative Board at some future time as the City Council might deem necessary, and so as to leave the section concerning the manner of making appropriations as it stands in minor changes as a result of the Capitol and in Washington's business centres, with the exceptions of certain small cliques of the Rundamentals of the President's plan of action to be embodied in the message he will read at a joint session of Congress next week. He presented the document to the Cabington appropriations as it stands in minor changes as a result of the "Yes, there is opposition to him but the section around the Capitol and in Washington's business centres, with the exceptions of certain small cliques opposed to him. In addition to this, it is believed that Mr. Williams's appointment will be a tremendous influence toward securing a regional bank for Richmond. When Senator Swanson was seen to-night regarding the opposition to Mr. Williams, he said:

"Yes, there is opposition to bim but "Yes, there is opposition to bim but "Yes, there is opposition." section concerning the manner of making appropriations as it stands. In the to-day and worked all afternoon on minor changes as a result of the meeting. Section 30-d of the city charter says meeting.

in the original charter. He said that there would be little use in having a Finance Committee if the authority to direct how appropriations should be expended were taken from it.

expended were taken from it.

Alderman Puller, chairman of the Committee on Charter Changes, fought the substitute amendment bitterly, but it was passed by a vote of 9 to 2.

There was also a long wrangle over the committee's amendment to the charter to give the City Council authority to place the Police, Fire and Health Departments under the control of the Administrative Board, if the Council should ever in the future see fit. The substitute amendment, leaving the three departments in their present status, was offered by Alderman Powers, who argued that the chief result of delegating this authority to the Council would be to keep the three departments continuously disorganized. ought 2. The p.

NAME OF WILLIAMS FOR COMPTROLLER **GOES TO SENATE**

President Nominates Richmond Man for Important Post.

VARIOUS REPORTS OF OPPOSITION

So-Called Great Financial Interests Said to Be Against Confirmation-Selection Is Made After Conference Between

Wilson and McAdoo-In Hands of Committee.

dent sent to the Senate to-day the nomination of John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, to be Comptroller of the Currency and ex-officio member of the Federal Reserve Board, which will administer the affairs of the new currency system. The nomination was referred to the

The nomination was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency after a brief executive session of the Senate, during which an effort was made to have it referred to the Committee on Finance. Heretofore such a nomination would have been sent to the Finance Committee.

Senator Owen this afternoon said the committee would take up the nomination. committee would take up the nomina-tion in the near future. It may be some time before the nomination is

Mr. Williams is now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of the fiscal bureau and Secretary McAdoo's first assistant in matters of government fiscance.

ment finance.

The office of Comptroller of the Cur-

The office of Comptroller of the Currency has been vacant for several months. Various reports have been afloat of opposition against the nomination of Mr. Williams. It was said that the so-called great financial interests were opposing him. Mr. Williams's selection was announced after a conference between President Williams's a conference between President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo. It is understood that during the President's absence Mr. McAdoo had been sounding Senators about the nomination, and believes it will be confirmed.

Appointment Gives Satisfaction. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Refuses to Pave Way for Putting

Departments Under Administrative Board.

With only one member dissenting. Washington, January 13.—President the Board of Aldermen last night concurred in the action of the Common Council in accepting the loan of the Washington, January 13.—President to "big business," the field antitrust.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, January 13.—Nothing washington, January 13.—Probably be more pleasing to Southern bankers and financiers, according to information given The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, January 13.—President will appointment of Mr. Williams. Born and bred a Southern bankers and financiers, according to information given The Capitol to-day, than the appointment of Mr. Williams. Born and bred a Southern bankers and financiers, according to information given The Capitol to-day, than the appointment of Mr. Williams. Born and bred a Southern bankers and financiers, according to information given The Capitol to-day, than the appointment of Mr. Williams. Born and bred a Southern bankers and financiers, according to information given The Capitol to-day, than the appointment of Mr. Williams. Born and bred a Southern bankers and financiers, according to information given The Times-Dispatch.]

"Yes, there is opposition to him, but you may quote me as saying that

Section 30-d of the city charter says that "appropriations, as far as practicable, to the extent of the fairly anticipated revenues for each ensuing year, shall be made in lump sums in the annual budget ordinance for the maintenance of each department.

The Committee on Charter Changes struck out the words, "as far as practicable," on the ground that appropriations should be made in lump sums, so that the Administrative Board could expend the mone? as it saw fit, without direction from the City Council.

Charter Provision Stands.

Alderman Powers offered an amendation of the section as it stands of the committee's rapid to the committee's far as possible any congestion of radical bills that might be misinterpreted in the sage and the misinterpreted in the Senate who will vote against him. The clearly needed the senate who will vote against him. The clear of the senate who will, I am sure, be favorably reported immediately. Early action will be taken, because th Alderman Powers offered an amend-ment to this part of the committee's far as possible any congestion of rad-ical bills that might be misinterpreted ed by the Senate very soon. I feel sure that if there were any Senators who were going to vote against him, I would have heard of them, and so far, as I have stated, I have not heard of a single one.
"I think it is best not to discuss the

trust law to reduce the debatable area opposition at this point, but to content ourselves with having the nomination confirmed."
No statement could be had from Sena

ity and the fixing of personal guilt for tor Martin, but it is learned that his 4. The creation of an interstate trade pressed by Senator Swanson, and commission to perform the functions of a bureau of information and to determine by its investigations whether termine by its investigations whether decrees of dissolution or mandates of the court are carried out.

of a bureau of information and to department of the amendment, and the carliest possible date.

The Bresident status, was offered by Alderman Puresult of delegating this authority to department continuously disorganized.

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